on the Legacy of The Spiritual Directory

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What is the Directory?
- “custom” book ... redacted by St. Jane de Chantal
- practical exercises > doctrinal exposition

St. Francis de Sales
- life
- theology
- pedagogy

Visitation of Holy Mary
- “hidden” life

Salesian Spirituality
- universal
- ordinary
- interiority
- exteriority

Oblate Spirituality
- Congregational character
- ministerial methodology

Lifelong Formation (biases)
- “marketing”
- “activism”

Ecclesial Dimension
- Year of Consecrated Life (identity)
- Oblate charism (dissemination)

“The humanity of the Word is the unique and obligatory instrument of salvation; it is necessary to go there by way of it. ... This is why St. Francis de Sales made such a big deal about the concrete realities of human life, of the little, daily actions, which are the best means of sanctifying ourselves, the best instruments of perfection.” (R.P. JEAN GAYET, OSFS)